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Dear Paul-

You must have a green thumb with E. coli. After a batting average of 0 for the last 150 or so tests, there were no less than four interfertile cultures among the 32 you helped me set up while you were at the lab.

Irwin did not have any nomination forms for the G.S.A.-- suggested that a simple letter of nomination which outlined your professional background would suffice. This goes to Singleton. It would probably be more appropriate to have that come from UCLA. Irwin was not sure/ that action could be taken in time to get you on the program, but you should have no trouble securing an invitation from another member: one of us if need be.

Under separate cover you will receive some of UW's propaganda to compare with Amherst's. We enjoyed your visit very much: come around again sometime. Best regards, and good luck-

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg